

DISBARMENT. In re R. Keith Sanclemente, Del. Supr., No. 23, 2014 (Feb. 14, 2014)

On February 14, 2014, the Delaware Supreme Court ordered R. Keith Sanclemente disbarred immediately for violations of the Delaware Lawyers' Rules of Professional Conduct. The Court approved findings made by the Board on Professional Responsibility that Sanclemente had: (1) knowingly made false statements of material fact to mortgage lenders when he certified HUD-1 statements were a true and accurate account of transactions when he knew they were not (**Rule 4.1(a)**); (2) knowingly engaged in fraud when he failed to disclose to mortgage lenders that buyer(s) were not making financial contributions to the transactions (**Rule 4.1(b)**); (3) engaged in criminal conduct by knowingly making false statements on HUD-1 statements in violation of 18 *U.S.C.* §1010 (**Rules 8.4(b), 8.4(c), and 8.4(d)**); (4) failed to safeguard trust funds of other clients by allowing their funds to be used to cover the buyer contributions in these real estate transactions (**Rule 1.15(a)**); and (5) failed to supervise his lawyer staff and non lawyer employees and ratified their conduct by allowing the above misconduct to continue once he learned of it (**Rules 5.1 and 5.3**).